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TAGS: AMGT, PFOR, IV

SUBJECT: PARM-ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

PARTS II AND III: IVORY COAST

REF: (A) CEPRP 001, (B) STATE 38356

### II. RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

1. IN CONSIDERING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THIS MISSION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO ABIDJAN HAVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE LARGEST CONTINGENT, REDSO, HAS ONLY LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN IVORY COAST, PRINCIPALLY WITH THE ENTENTE FUND AND THE AFDB. REDSO PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND OTHER EXPERTISE TO 23 AID OFFICES IN WEST AFRICA. THE REGIONAL BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE SUPPORTS 11 OTHER MISSIONS. REGIONAL SECURITY PROVIDES SECURITY SERVICES FOR 12 MISSIONS, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FOR 23. THE MILITARY ATTACHE COVERS FIVE COUNTRIES, AND THE MEDICAL OFFICER FOUR. USIS IS ALSO INVOLVED IN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. IT IS ENTIRELY LOGICAL TO LOCATE REGIONAL OFFICES LIKE REDSO, RBFO, REGIONAL SECURITY AND OTHERS IN ABIDJAN, WHERE COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORTA-  
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TION AND OTHER AMENITIES ARE EXCELLENT BY WEST AFRICAN STANDARDS. BUT SOME OF THESE ARE NOT "RESOURCES" IN THE STANDARD SENSE, AND REPRESENT, RATHER, A HEAVY ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR THE EMBASSY.

2. THOSE OFFICES DIRECTED AT PURSUING U.S. COURSES OF ACTION IN IVORY COAST APPEAR APPROPRIATE TO THEIR FUNCTIONS.

WE HAVE A STRONG ECONOMIC SECTION, REFLECTING FAST GROWING U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS HERE, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF IVORIAN VIEWS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. POLITICAL AND CONSULAR ACTIVITIES INVOLVE ONLY TWO OFFICERS. THE LARGEST STATE CONTINGENT IS ADMINISTRATIVE, REFLECTING THE LARGE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN ABIDJAN, WHICH HAS GROWN DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. EVEN IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, HOWEVER, EXCLUDING THE MARINE GUARD, THE MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED WITH REGIONAL ACTIVITIES.

3. SEVERAL OF THE POSITIONS SHOWN ON THE STAFF CHART HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY WASHINGTON AND APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR, BUT WILL BE FILLED LATER THIS YEAR. THESE INCLUDE THE AGRICULTURE ATTACHE, TREASURY ATTACHE(WHO WILL WORK WITH AFDF), THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, AND A JUNIOR ROTATIONAL OFFICER. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WILL BE REDUCED BY ONE OFFICER POSITION IN MAY '77.

### III. STATE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

4. WE DO NOT PROPOSE ANY RESTRUCTURING OF THOSE STATE POSITIONS DEALING WITH IVORY COAST. FURTHER, BARRING UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS, WE BELIEVE THE STAFFING PATTERN FOR ABIDJAN IN 1979 WILL BE UNCHANGED FROM THAT BELOW. AN EXCEPTION WILL BE TWO FSL CORE POSITIONS, TO OPERATE NEW EQUIPMENT IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

5. LOW PRIORITY POSITIONS. OF THE STATE AMERICAN POSITIONS SHOWN BELOW, THERE ARE 12 IN OTHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. IN ADMIN, EXCLUDING REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE MARINE DETACHMENT AND THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

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REDUCED, THERE ARE AN ADMIN COUNSELOR, 3 GSO'S, A PERSONNEL OFFICER AND A SECRETARY. IF FORCED TO REDUCE ONE POSITION, WE WOULD PROBABLY OFFER ONE GSO. THE INCUMBENT IS IN GOOD PART INVOLVED IN FINDING AND PREPARING HOUSING FOR NEW EMPLOYEES. IF THE MISSION CEASES TO EXPAND, THIS FUNCTION MIGHT BE LESS IMPORTANT. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ADDITIONAL GSO POSITION WAS APPROVED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AND HAS GREATLY IMPROVED SERVICES TO OUR MANY CLIENTS. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WOULD SACRIFICE AN ECONOMIC POSITION, ALTHOUGH OUR SERVICES TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, OF KEY IMPORTANCE HERE, WOULD SUFFER ACCORDINGLY. FSL STAFF REDUCTIONS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ABSORBED BY THE GSO SECTION.

6. MISSION STAFFING CHART:(COPY ALSO BEING POUCHED)

#### AGENCY/FUNCTION

AMER.	AMER.	FSL	FSL
OFFS.	STAFF	PROFES.	STAFF

STATE

EXECUTIVE	2	2	1	2
POLITICAL	1	-	-	-
ECON/COM'L.	5	1	2	1
CONSULAR	1	-	1	1
ADMIN(OF WHICH)	26/A	10/B	16C	55/D
COMMUNICATIONS	6	-	-	7
SECURITY(MARINES)	1	7	-	-
REGIONAL OFFICES:				
RBFO	6	-	8	16
RMO	1	-	1	-
SECURITY(INCL.				
2 SEABEES)	7	2	1	-

A/ 19 CORE, 4 DAS, 1 MARINE, 2 SEABEES;

B/3 CORE, 7 MARINES;

C/14 CORE, 2 DAS;

D) 42 CORE, 13 DAS

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USIS(INCL. 2 REGIONAL OFFICERS

	7	1	4	8
VOA	1	-	1	-
AGATT	1	1	-	-
TREAS	1	1	-	-
PC				
(PCV'S 84)	3	-	4	1
DAO(DOD)	3	1	1	1

AID

REDSO:DIRECT HIRE	39	5	6	10
PS CONTRACT	4	1	2	-

RHUDO	2	-	1	-
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NOTES. 1. MARINESECURITY GUARDS AND SEABEES INCLUDED WITH STATE COUNT RATHER THAN AS DOD;

2. JUNIOR ROTATIONAL OFFICER(DUE IN 1977) NOT INCLUDED;

3. AGATT AND TRES POSITIONS ARE NEW FOR FY 77;

4. FOR THE FY 79 PROJECTION, WE SHOULD REDUCE ONE DAO OFFICER POSITION AND ADD 2 STATE FSL (CORE) POSITIONS, TELEXIST AND TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE REQUESTED. NO OTHER CHANGES, INCREASES OR DECREASES ARE PLANNED AS OF NOW.

#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE/DAS

AMERICAN		FSL	
OFFICER	STAFF	PROFESSIONAL	STAFF
CORE DAS	CORE DAS	CORE DAS	CORE DAS

19 4 3 - 14 2 42 13

1 PER 2 RBFO 2 RSO 1 PER 1 RBFO 11 RBFO 5 RBFO

4 RBFO 2 GSO 1 ADM 7 RBFO 1 RSO 1 PER

4 C&R 4 3 1 HU 2 5 C&R 2 C&R

2 TCU 2 DADM 26 GSO 5 GSO

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1 HU 3 GSO TOTAL 42 TOTAL 13

5 RSO TOTAL 14

1 ADM

1 GSO

TOTAL 19. STEARNS

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